



State WIC Agency,

September 27, 2010

As you are aware, on September 22, 2010, Abbott proactively initiated a voluntary recall of certain Similac®-brand, powder infant formulas in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and some countries in the Caribbean.

Although specified lots of affected product are being removed from retail shelves, Abbott continues to deliver unaffected product through distributors and to WIC authorized vendors. Abbott is working closely with retailers to ensure that the unaffected product continues to be available on their shelves.

In some instances, WIC authorized retailers' recall procedures call for the removal of the entire supply of the potentially affected product from the shelves. Then, the retailer identifies any affected product for return to manufacturer and returns unaffected product to its shelves. Therefore, sufficient quantities of unaffected small powder are returning to retailers shelves to meet the WIC demand. **Please join us in encouraging your retailers to complete this task promptly.**

Abbott is still able to supply the WIC contract infant formula; therefore there is no failure to supply. It would be inappropriate to direct WIC participants or retailers to utilize a non-contract formula on a Similac food instrument at this point in time. If needed, other non-powder forms of Similac are available, such as the concentrated liquid.

Abbott's highest priority is ensuring that WIC participants have an uninterrupted supply of infant formula. We are working diligently to supply the WIC Contract Infant Formula and will continue to keep you and the retailers in your State updated on this issue.

Please contact me at 614.624.7341 if you have any questions regarding this recall.

Sincerely,

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